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Dear Hillingdon Council Licensing Service,

We hope this email finds you well. We are writing to formally appeal against the application for an Adult Gambling Centre at 14-16 Station Road, Hayes UB3 4DA. As concerned members of the community, we strongly oppose the establishment of a gambling Centre at this location due to the negative impact it would have on our community. Gambling addiction and the proliferation of gambling establishments have serious consequences for individuals and communities alike.

Allow us to outline some of the ill effects of gambling on our community:

1. **Social and Economic Harm:** Gambling addiction can lead to financial ruin, homelessness, and strained relationships. It exacerbates poverty and social inequality within our community.
2. **Mental Health Impacts:** Problem gambling is often associated with mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation. The presence of a gambling centre would exacerbate these mental health challenges for vulnerable individuals in our community.
3. **Family Breakdown:** Problem gambling can tear families apart, leading to divorce, domestic violence, and neglect of children. The establishment of a gambling centre in our neighborhood would contribute to the breakdown of family structures and cohesion.
4. **Crime and Anti-Social Behavior:** Studies have shown a correlation between gambling establishments and increased crime rates, including theft, fraud, and drug-related offenses. The presence of a gambling centre would pose a risk to public safety and contribute to anti-social behavior in our community.

Furthermore, it is worth noting that there are already numerous gambling shops in Hayes town. The addition of another gambling establishment would only exacerbate the existing problems associated with gambling in our area.

We urge the Hillingdon Council Licensing Service to consider the well-being of our community and reject the application for an Adult Gambling Centre at 14-16 Station Road, Hayes UB3 4DA. Instead, we encourage the council to focus on initiatives that promote the health, safety, and prosperity of our community.

Thank you for considering my appeal. we trust that you will make the right decision for the benefit of our community.

Yours sincerely,

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